

AlaFile User Manual

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INTRODUCTION

AlaFile is a web-based application designed to allow registered users to file and receive service copies of court documents electronically. It creates a more efficient process for filing documents with the state court system.

GETTING STARTED

System Requirements

In order to use AlaFile the user needs a computer that has the ability to connect to the internet. If your computer does not have internet access, please check with your local system administrator. That individual should be able to determine whether or not you are able to run AlaFile from your computer.

AlaFile is designed to run using Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 or 9. It is suggested that you have the latest version of Internet Explorer available for your operating system. AlaFile is **NOT GUARANTEED** to run properly when using other web browsers such as Apple Safari, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

Initiating AlaFile

To initiate AlaFile, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Turn on your computer by clicking the power button.
- 2. Once you computer is on, open an Internet Explorer browser session. To open Internet Explorer:
 - a. Locate a shortcut to the program on your desktop.

OR

- b. Go to Start (located at the bottom left of your screen on the taskbar) and
 - i. Click Start
 - ii. Select All Programs
 - iii. Select Internet Explorer from the list.

3. Once the Internet Explorer browser session is opened, direct your browser to the AlaFile website.

Logging into AlaFile

The AlaFile website address is https://alafile.alacourt.gov.



To log into AlaFile the user must first register with the application.

REGISTERING WITH ALAFILE

To register with AlaFile:

1. Click on the grey **Register** link at the top right of the AlaFile welcome page.



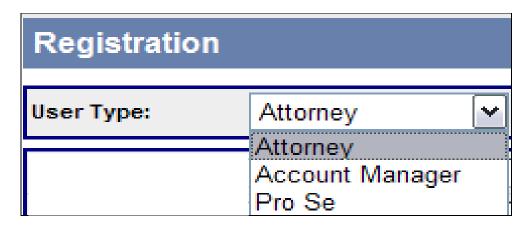
2. Completely fill in the AlaFile registration form.

Registration	
User Type:	Attorney ▼
Firm Name:	
Attorney Code:	
Retype Atty Code:	
ASB Bar ID:	ASB
First Name:	
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	
Suffix:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	AL ▼
Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	(<u></u>) <u></u>
Fax Number:	
Email:	
Password:	
	Password must be a minimum of 9 characters in length, contain at least one upper case, one lower case and one number or one special character.
Retype Password:	upper case, one lower case and one number of one special character.
Cc:	
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Cc:	
Cc:	
	Submit

- 3. Click Submit.
- 4. An email confirmation will be sent to the registered email address. This email confirmation will contain a verification link. You MUST click that verification link in order to be able to log into AlaFile.

Special Notes about the AlaFile Registration Process

Three types of users can register with AlaFile:



- 1. Attorneys. This is the primary group of e-filers within AlaFile.
- Account Managers. This type of user will be able to log into AlaFile and generate payment history reports (firm administrators or bookkeepers).
- 3. **Pro Se.** Parties that are not represented by an attorney.
- Your Attorney Code is issued by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts. It is a 6 digit code, usually starting with the first three letters of your last name and ending in three numerical digits. If you do not know your attorney code, please call 1.866.954.9411, Option 1, then Option 2 (the State Judicial Information Systems {SJIS} Help Desk) or local 334.954.5000 Option 1, then Option 2.
- Your ASB Bar ID is your identification number issued by the Alabama State Bar. It is an 8 digit code and can be found on your Alabama State Bar Membership Card. If you do not know your Alabama Bar ID, please call 1.800.354.6154 or local 334.269.1515.

The designated **Email** and **Password** created at the registration process is what the user will use to login to AlaFile. This information can be customized per the user's discretion.

The AlaFile password changes will be implemented in 2 phases:

Phase 1 - Effective September 24, 2012, all AlaFile users will be required to update their passwords to a 9 character password plus the parameters listed below.

- At least one upper case character
- At least one lower case character
- At least one number or one special character

NOTE: If you have already updated your password to the new 9 character password, no further action is needed at this time.

Phase 2 - At a later date, AlaFile users who file or access confidential documents will be required to enter a confidential access code in addition to the 9 character password required to access the AlaFile application.

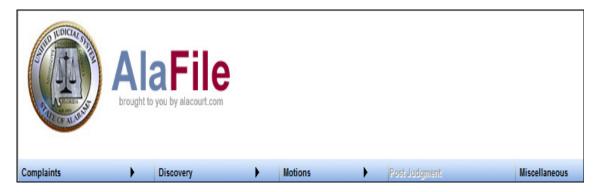
Email:	
Password:	
	Password must be a minimum of 9 characters in length, contain at least one upper case, one lower case and one number or one special character.
Retype Password:	

The **CC** (courtesy copy) fields are email addresses of legal secretaries, paralegals or other staff that wish to receive courtesy copies of all notices served via AlaFile. When service copies are sent through the application these CC email addresses will also receive a copy.

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NAVIGATING THE ALAFILE APPLICATION

The following section briefly describes various menu options that are currently available within AlaFile. The specific workflow processes within each menu selection are described in further detail within their respective sections.



Complaints

- File New Complaint
- File Amended Complaint
- File Answer
- File Counter Claim
- File Cross Claim
- File Third Party Complaint

Discovery

Notice of Discovery

Motions

- File New Motion
- Reply/Respond/Supplement to Motion
- Search Existing Motion
- View Pending Motions
- View Set Motions
- View Disposed Motions
- View All Motions

Post Judgment

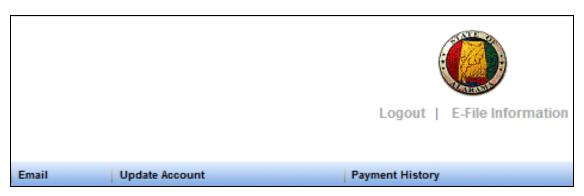
The *Post Judgment* menu (i.e. garnishments, writ of executions, etc.) is currently under development. All post judgments items (other than post judgment motion filings) should be submitted in paper to the clerk's office until they are available within AlaFile.

Miscellaneous

The Miscellaneous menu contains the following selections:

- Notice of Appearance
- Subpoena
- Alias Summons
- Proposed Order
- Miscellaneous Document
- Affidavit of Substantial Hardship

Email / Update Account / Payment History Options

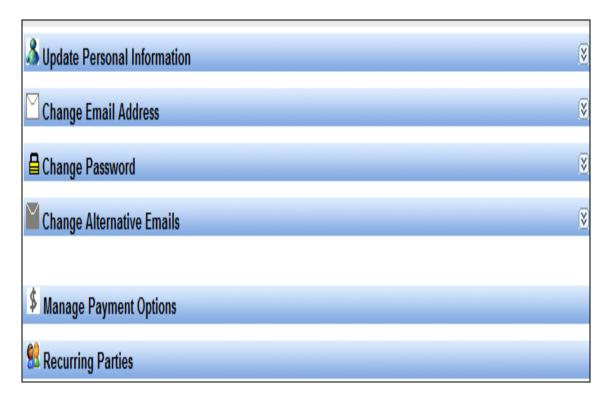


The **Email** tab found on the main navigation bar allows the user to view service copies of court filings (e-notices) that have been sent through the application. All court enotices are sent by AlaFile to two locations 1.) the **Email** inbox within AlaFile and 2.) the registered email account.

In the event of technical difficulties with the registered email account (i.e. spam / server issues or an account that has reached its size limit) the user will still have access to their service copies within AlaFile. In this event, the user can log into AlaFile and click on the **Email** tab to access a service copy of an electronically filed document.

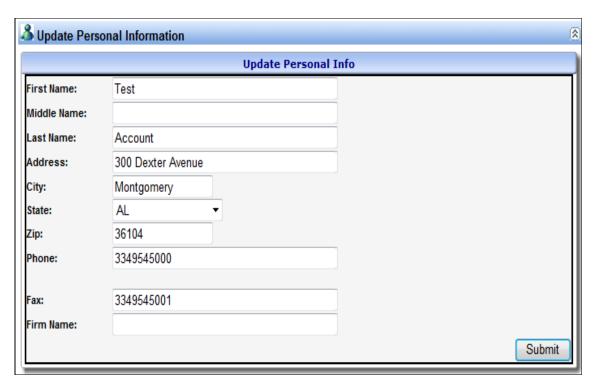
Update Account

The **Update Account** tab on the main navigation bar allows the user to manage personal information such as names, addresses, email addresses, passwords, alternative email addresses, payment options and recurring parties.



Under **Update Personal Information** the user can update their personal information including name, address, phone or fax numbers. Whenever any relevant personal information changes, the user must update their information with AlaFile as required by the *Administrative Polices & Procedures for Electronic Filing*.

It is important to note that practicing attorneys will need to update their contact information with the Alabama State Bar in which the Administrative Office of Courts receives nightly updates into SJIS Mainframe (State Judicial Information Systems). That nightly update does not apply to AlaFile. To update personal information, the user should type in the updated information, then click **Submit**.

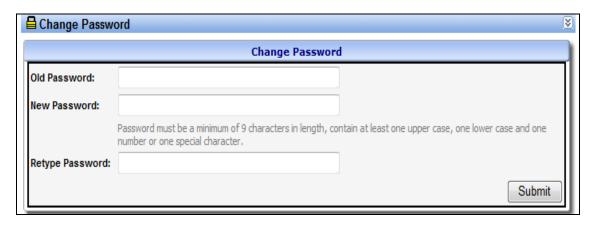


Under **Change Email Address**, the user can update their account to reflect a new email address. This email address update must be done anytime the user changes email addresses pursuant to the *Administrative Polices & Procedures for Electronic Filing*.

The email address on record with AlaFile is the primary address used to provide service copies. To complete the email address change, the user must click on the confirmation link sent to the user's new email address.



For security reasons the user may change their password anytime. Password changes must be a minimum of 9 characters in length, contain at least one upper case, one lower case and one number or one special character then clicking **Submit**.



If alternate email addresses are provided in the CC fields during the initial registration process, those email addresses are provided service copies of all emails that are sent by the application to the primary registered email address. If the user wishes to add new email addresses or change existing addresses, click **Change Alternative Emails**, type in the new email address(es) then click **Submit**.



AlaFile uses the utmost caution to protect credit card and bank information when making online payments. To ensure security, you are given the following two options:

1. **Enter** Your Payment Information:

Using the Manage Payment Feature is OPTIONAL. You may continue to enter your complete payment information at each transaction. AlaFile will NOT store your payment account identifying information in the AlaFile system.

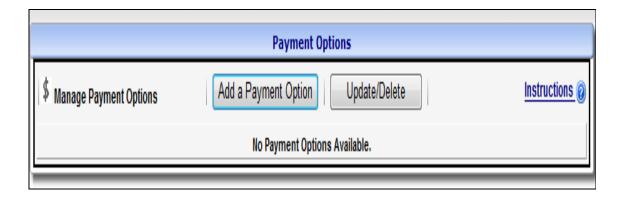
2. Store Your Payment Information:

If you choose to store payment account information for your convenience or to share your payment account information with others in your firm, then you should use this option. This service stores your payment account identifying information (credit card number or bank account information) securely in a 3rd party PCI Certified Data Center which provides AlaFile with a token used to call your payment information for processing. *Please be aware that each time that you use the token, a \$0.05 charge will be added to the payment convenience charge. By setting up a Payment Option you agree to pay the tokenization charge.*

To add new payment accounts:

- 1. Click Manage Payment Options.
- 2. Within the manage payment options click Add a Payment Option.





3. Enter the required billing information from your debit/credit card and click Add.



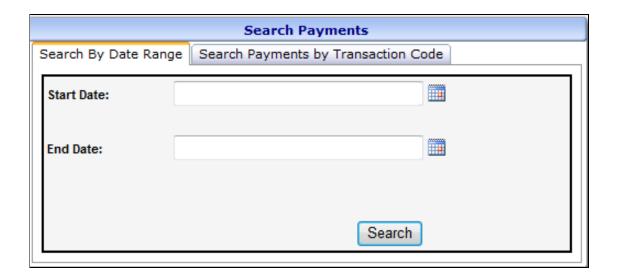
The **Recurring Parties Feature** provides the user with a method to save information associated with a party that the user may represent on a regular basis in multiple cases. By setting up this feature and saving the information in AlaFile, the user can access saved data during the filing process to avoid entering this information each time a document is e-filed (such as a complaint). To utilize this feature for a new party, the user should click on **Recurring Parties** and fill in all the requested information and click **Add**. To modify an existing party, click on the name of the party, enter the information and click **Update**. To delete a party, click on the party name and then click **Delete**.



	Recurring Parties
	Name
	JAMES A BROWN
	JOHNNY Q BROWN
Party Type:	Individual
First Name:	
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	
Suffix:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	AL ▼
Zip:	
SSN:	
Phone:	
Email:	
	Cancel Delete Update Add Save

Payment History

The **Payment History** button on the main navigation bar allows the user to view payment history made through AlaFile. Depending on the report desired, the user can enter the appropriate parameters to obtain information on fees paid through the AlaFile application, either by date range or transaction code.



FILING DOCUMENTS

Complaints

The process of e-filing a complaint in each of the five civil divisions is very similar (circuit civil, district civil, small claims, domestic relations and child support). The general workflows and basic logic can be applied to the other civil divisions described above. For simplicity, this tutorial will explain how to e-file a complaint in circuit civil division.

Circuit Civil Complaint

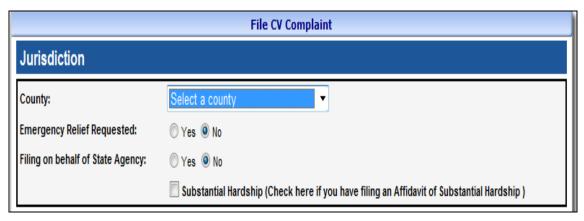
- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Complaints** menu on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over File New Complaint within the Complaint menu.
- 3. Click Circuit Civil.



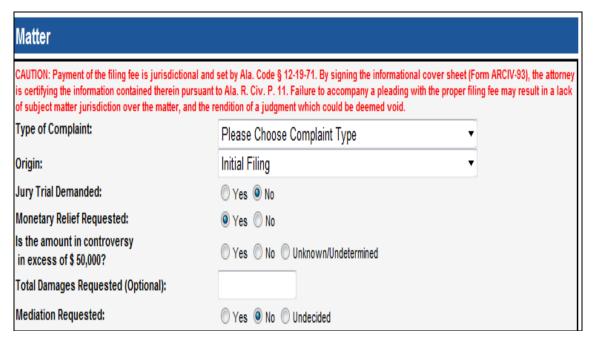
NOTE: Depending on the division chosen, the electronic cover sheet may look different.

- 4. Select the **County** from the dropdown list.
- 5. Select the radio button for Emergency Relief.
- 6. Select the radio button for **Filing on Behalf of State Agency.**
- 7. Note the checkbox for the **Affidavit of Substantial Hardship.** It is important to point out that if this option is selected AlaFile will not suggest the filing fee. When e-filed, the request for a substantial hardship will go directly to the judge hearing the case.
- 8. At that time the judge will be able to grant or deny this hardship.
 - a. If granted: AlaFile will generate a summons and will proceed as a normal complaint.

b. If denied: AlaFile will send a notice back to the filing part for adjustment of filing fees within a sum certain time period (i.e. 5 business days to perfect payment of filing fees or the case will not be recognized by the courts).

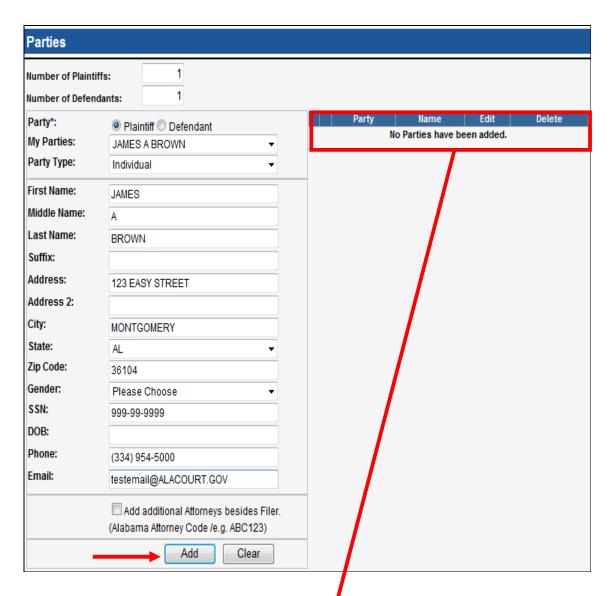


- 9. Select the **Type of Complaint** from the dropdown selections.
- 10. Select the Origin of the case filing.
- 11. Select the radio button for Jury Trial Demanded.
- 12. Select the radio button for Monetary Relief Requested.
- 13. Select the radio button for the **Amount of the Claim.** If unknown/undetermined is selected AlaFile will suggest the higher filing fee.
- 14. Enter the **Total Damages** requested (optional).
- 15. Select the radio button for Mediation Requested.



Adding Parties to the Electronic Cover Sheet

- 16. Enter the **Total Number of Case Parties** for both plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).
- 17. Select the **Party Type** drop down (business, individual, government or other).
- 18. Type the **Party Information** in the boxes provided (all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields).
- 19. If additional attorneys are representing the party, click the **Add Additional Attorneys Besides Filer** checkbox. Type in the attorney code of the other attorneys in the boxes that wish to make an appearance in the case.
- 20. Click **Add**. This adds the party to the red box at the top.
- 21. When adding a defendant to the complaint you will need to choose the type of service from the **Service Type** dropdown.
 - a. If you choose **Sheriff** service type, you will have to choose the county where the complaint will be served.
 - b. If you choose **Private Process Server** service type, you will need to type in the name of the process server.
 - c. If you choose **Certified Mail** service type there are two options for this service.
 - i. Service to be perfected by the **clerk**.
 - ii. Service to be perfected by filer.
 - d. If you choose **Service Waived** a summons will not be generated.



Once parties have been added to the case, the user will see a screen similar to the one below. As an example, notice that one plaintiff and one defendant have been added to this complaint. When all case parties have been added click continue.

	Party	Name	Edit	Delete
Plaintiff	C001	JAMES A BROWN	Edit	Delete
Defendant	D001	JOHNNY Q BROWN	Edit	Delete

NOTE: If there are multiple plaintiffs or defendants in the case, each party must be added as described above.

The electronic civil cover sheet will be auto-generated by the application and attached to the complaint and other documents that are filed.

Attaching documents

22. Once the data entry is completed in the steps outlined above, attach your complaint.

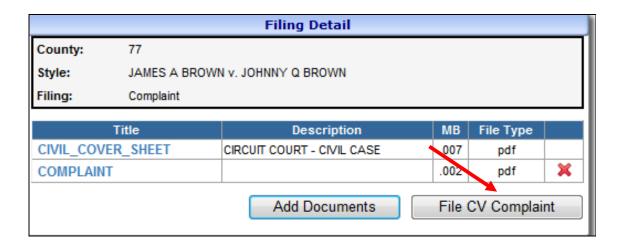
NOTE: All documents attached within AlaFile must be in **PDF** format.

23. To locate your Complaint, click **Browse.** After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue.**



24. After clicking Continue, you will now see the **Filing Detail Screen.** This screen allows you to check the attached document(s) before filing them with the court.

To view your documents that have been uploaded click the title of the document. To delete documents that have uploaded, click the **red X** beside the document. To add additional documents, click **Add Documents.** If you are ready to file your complaint, click **File Complaint.**



Explanation of the AlaFile Fee Sheet

25. After clicking **File Complaint**, the user will see the **Fee Sheet** screen similar to the screen below.



FAILURE TO ACCOMPANY A PLEADING WITH THE PROPER FILING FEE MAY RESULT IN A LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OVER THE MATTER, AND THE RENDITION OF A JUDGMENT WHICH COULD BE DEEMED VOID.

It is the filing party's responsibility to verify that the correct filing fee is being paid. If the correct filing fee is not suggested on the AlaFile Fee Sheet, please contact the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts Information Technology Support Help Desk, toll-free at 1.866.954.9411 Option 1, then Option 4.

26. By clicking **Continue**, you are completing payment of the filing fees for the complaint.

After the transaction is completed, a payment receipt will be generated. The **E-File Receipt** can be printed or saved by clicking **Print View** and then clicking **Print**.

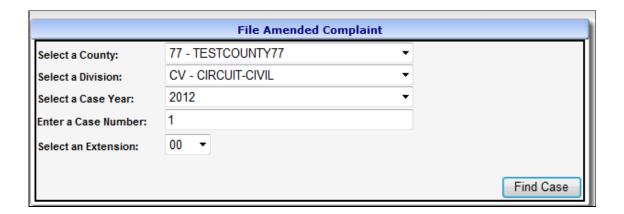
E-File Receipt							
County:	77						
Case Number:	CV201	290005900					
Style:	JAMES	A BROWN v. JOHNN	Y Q BRO	WN			
JID:							
Document Filed:	Other						
Electronic Document Stamp:	CV201	2900059009/28/2012	8:55:30 A	AM27eaa51	4-580e-4ddb-9	098-349a300d0ad8	
The following Documents we	re attac	hed to this filing:					
Title		Description			Location	on	
CIVIL_COVER_SHEET		CIRCUIT COURT - CIV	/IL CASE				
COMPLAINT				C:\Users\	\D	esktop\Test PDF.pdf	
AFFIDAVIT OF SUBSTANTIAL HA	RDSHIP	test		C:\Users\	\D	esktop\Test.pdf	
Notice of this filing must be s	erved o	n the following par	ties:				
Party Number Name		Address		City	State	Zip Service	
	123 HA	RD PLACE	MONTGO	MERY	AL	Sheriff	
					Print Vie	W Continue	

Amended Complaint

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Complaints** menu on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Amended Complaint and single click.



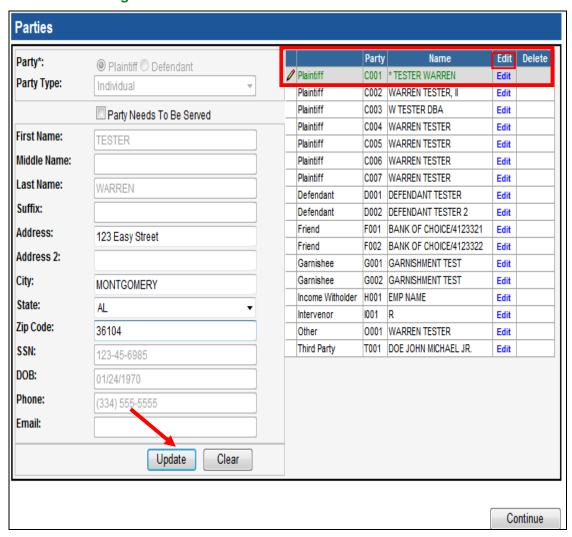
- 3. Select the county, division, case year and case number from the dropdown list.
- 4. Click Find Case.



5. Please read the instructions hyperlinked before attempting to e-file an Amended Complaint. Select the radio button to determine if you are amending the claim amount. If you are amending the claim amount enter that amount in the claim amount field below.



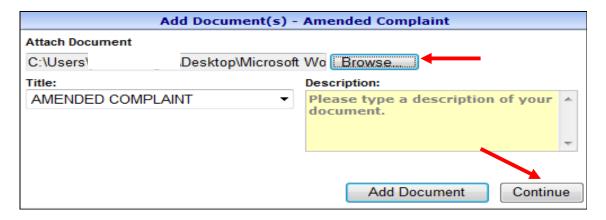
6. To change existing party information, click **Edit** by the corresponding case party name you wish to amend. Click **Update** when finished updating the party. Once completed, the case party(ies) that have been successfully updated will reflect **green**.



7. Once satisfied amending the complaint party, click **Continue**.

Attaching documents

8. To locate your amended complaint, click **Browse.** After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue.**



- 9. At the Filing Detail screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking Add Documents or file the amended complaint by clicking File Complaint. To view documents previously uploaded click the title of the document. To delete documents that have uploaded (i.e. in error) click the red X beside the document.
- 10. If additional fees are incurred as a result of the filing of the amended complaint, a Fee Sheet will be displayed.



After the transaction is completed, a receipt will be generated. The **E-File Receipt** can be printed or saved by clicking **Print View** and then clicking **Print**.

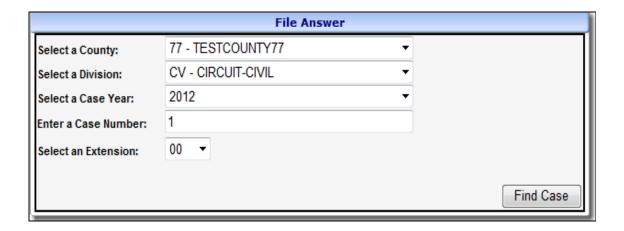
E-File Receipt				
County:	77			
Case Number:	CV201200000100			
Style:	JOE DOE, PETITIONER			
JID:	PPC			
Document Filed:	AMENDED COMPLAINT			
Electronic Document Stamp:	CV2012000001009/24/2012 11:04:41 AMbc7d7322-08c0-4f3e-9760-6a8b74eeef59			

Answer

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Complaints** menu on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over File Answer and single click.



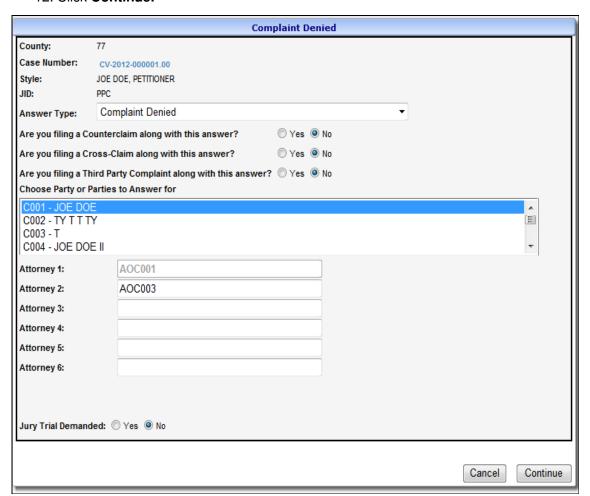
- 3. Select the county, division, case year and case number from the dropdown list.
- 4. Click Find Case.



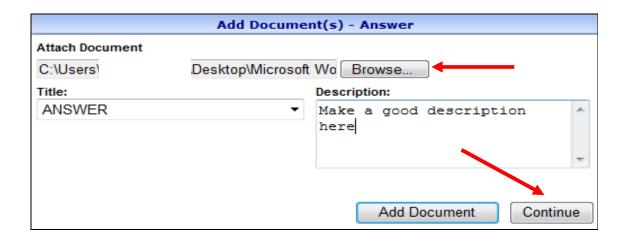
- 5. Review the case information screen. If you are filing on behalf of a state agency make sure and select the **Yes** radio button. Clicking **Yes** will bypass court filing fees (as state agencies are exempt from filing fees).
- 6. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue.**

Case Information					
County:	77				
Case Number: Style: JID:	CV-2012-000001.00 JOE DOE, PETITIONER PPC				
Filing on behalf of State Agency:	O Yes O No				
			Continue		

- 7. Choose your specific **Answer Type** from the drop down menu.
- 8. Select the appropriate radio buttons for a Counterclaim, Cross-Claim and Third Party Complaint.
- 9. Highlight the **Party** or **Parties** you are answering for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control Key while clicking on each party you represent.
- 10. If additional attorneys are representing the party, type in their attorney codes.
- 11. Select the appropriate radio button for Jury Trial.
- 12. Click Continue.



13. To locate your answer, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue**.



14. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking **Add Documents** or file the answer by clicking **File Answer**.



15. After clicking **File Answer** the user will be directed to a payment screen if applicable for your filing situation.

After the transaction is completed, a receipt will be generated. The **E-File Receipt** can be printed or saved by clicking **Print View** and then clicking **Print.**

E-File Receipt				
County:	77			
Case Number:	CV201200000100			
Style:	JOE DOE, PETITIONER			
JID:	PPC			
Document Filed:	Complaint Denied			
Electronic Document Stamp:	CV2012000001009/24/2012 1:57:36 PM9d3da4e0-76af-491b-86a0-3e3e7340de11			

Notice of Discovery

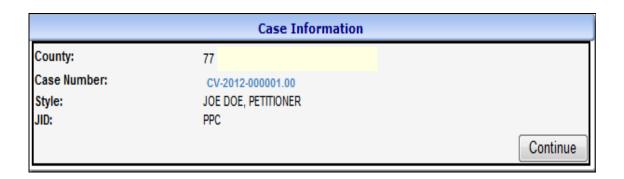
- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Discovery** menu on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over **Notice of Discovery** and single click.



- 3. Select the county, division, case year and case number from the dropdown list.
- 4. Click Find Case.



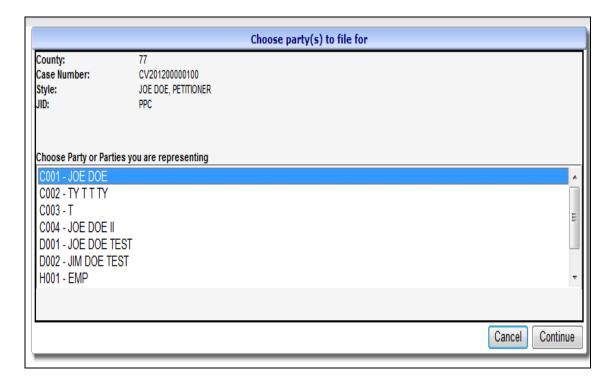
5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue.**



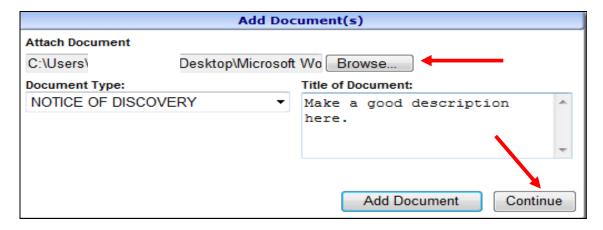
NOTE: If attorneys or parties **ARE** registered with AlaFile, then their respective names will display as served electronically. In those instances, service copies are sent electronically to those persons by AlaFile. No further action is needed by the filer for service on these persons.

If the attorneys or parties **ARE NOT** registered with AlaFile, then their respective names will display as needing service by the filer via traditional methods. The filer will need to serve these parties via traditional service methods.

- 6. Select the **Party** or **Parties** you are answering for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control key while clicking on each party represented by the attorney.
- 7. Click Continue.



8. To locate your notice of discovery, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue.**



9. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking **Add Documents** or file the notice by clicking **File Notice**.



After the transaction is completed, a receipt will be generated. The **E-File Receipt** can be printed or saved by clicking **Print View** and then clicking **Print**.

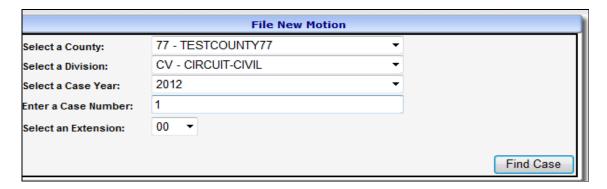
E-File Receipt								
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Case Number:	CV201200000100							
Style:	JOE DOE, PETITIONE	R						
JID:	PPC							
Document Filed:	NOTICE OF DISCOVE	RY						
Electronic Document Stamp	: CV2012000001009/2	24/2012 2:04	4:44 PMe681d	dc13-c7	a8-491f-822c-9d3	880e5365c8		
The following Documents we	ere attached to this t	filing:						
Title	Description			Loc	ation			
NOTICE OF DISCOVERY Make a	good description here.	C:\Users		Desktop\	Microsoft Word -	Document1.pdf		
					Print View	Continue		

Motions

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over File New Motion and single click.



- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.



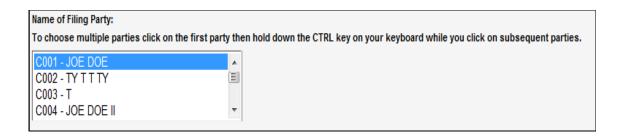
5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue.**

Case Information		
County:	77	
Case Number:	CV-2012-000001.00	
Style:	JOE DOE, PETITIONER	
JID:	PPC	
Filing on behalf of State Agency:	Yes No	
		Continue

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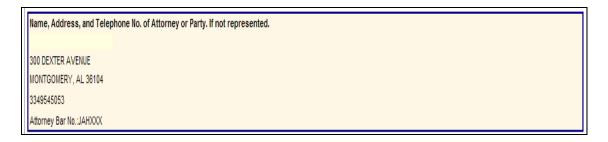
6. Select the **Party** or **Parties** you are filing for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control key while clicking on each party represented by the attorney.



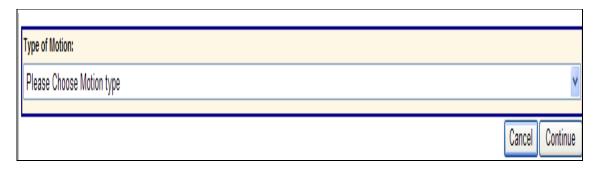
- 7. If Oral Arguments are requested, click the **Oral Arguments Requested** checkbox.
- 8. If the filing party needs to add/create a party to the case, click the **Add/Create Party** checkbox.



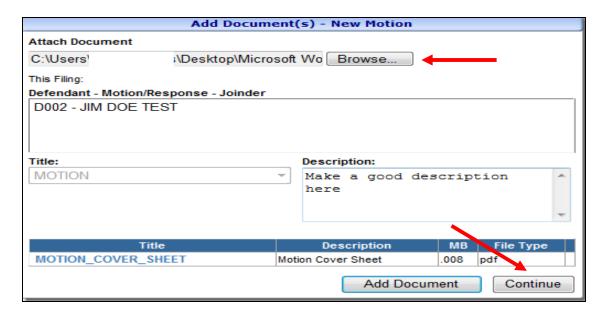
The attorney information will be displayed as a courtesy.



- 9. Select the specific type of motion being filed from the motion dropdown list.
- 10. Click Continue.



11. To locate your motion, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue**.

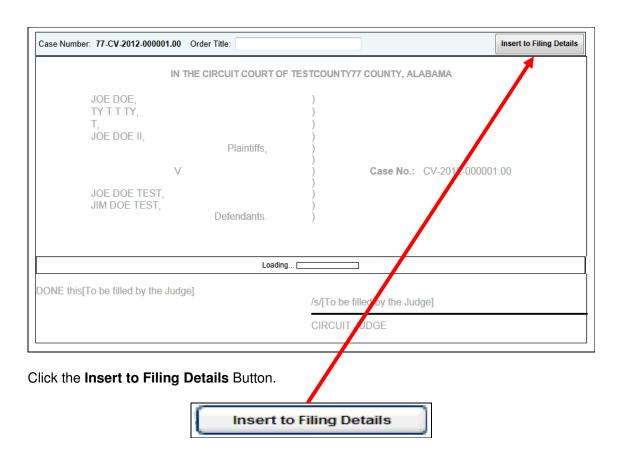


12. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach a proposed order by clicking **Add Proposed Order.** Ensure the correct documents were uploaded. If anything is incorrect, click the **red** x to the right of the document to delete the document.

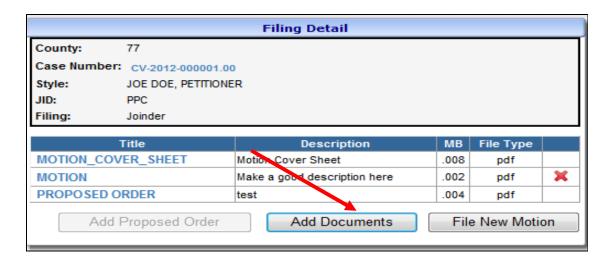


Steps to add a Proposed Order:

Type your proposed order or cut and paste the proposed order into the body of the order and make an order title at the top of the screen (note: this order title will appear in the order).



To add additional documents to the motion (i.e. Affidavit in Support of Motion, Statement of Facts, Deposition Excerpts, etc.) click **Add Documents.**



13. After all desired documents have been added and verified, click File Motion.

After the transaction is completed, a receipt will be generated. The **E-File Receipt** can be printed or saved by clicking **Print View** and then clicking **Print**. **NOTE:** This is the only place an **E-File Receipt** will be generated.

E-File Receipt							
County:77 Case Number: CV-2006-000001.00 Style:JANE DOE VS JOHN DOE JID:CAK Motion Number:502 Motion Filed:Continue Electronic Document Stamp:CV200600001009/8/2008 10:21:00 AM5da32af6-bf77-4134-896b-9b339275713f							
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PROPOSED ORDER	77-CV20060000010	0					
MOTION	Be very concise here when making a description		C:\Documents	and Settings\	ly Documents\	AlaFile\AlaFile - CV Cor	nplaint (Test).pdf
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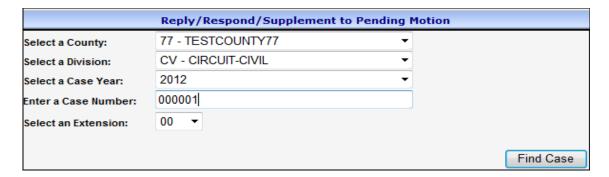
Response, Reply or Supplement to a Motion

Use this option to e-file a response to a motion, reply to a motion or a supplement to a previously filed motion.

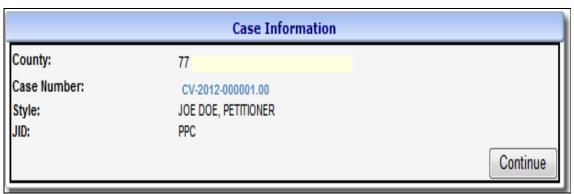
- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Respond/Reply/Supplement to Motion and single click.



- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.



5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue.**



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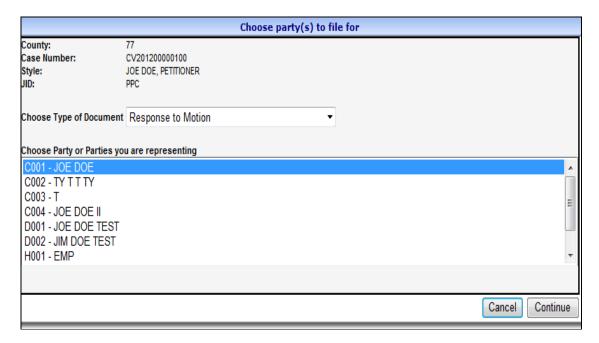
AlaFile will display all previously e-filed motions in the case. Click the desired motion under the **Motion Type** column that you wish to e-file into.



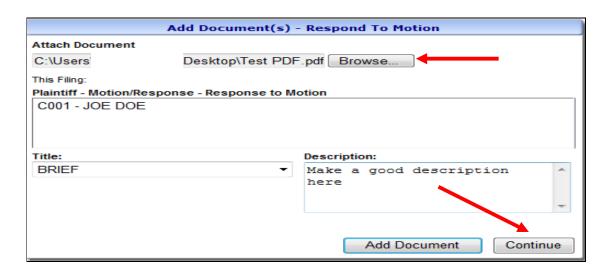
6. Double check the motion details. If the case and motion type information listed on the screen is correct, click **E-File Document** to proceed to the next step.



- 7. Choose the **Type of Document** from the drop down list.
- 8. Select the **Party** or **Parties** you are filing for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control key while clicking on each party represented by the attorney.
- 9. Click Continue.



10. To locate your reply/response/supplement to motion, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue**.



11. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking **Add Documents** or file the response by clicking **File Response**. Check and make sure everything is correct and that the correct document has been uploaded. If anything is incorrect, click the **red x** to the right of the document to delete the document before filing.



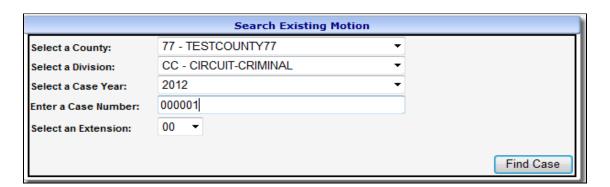
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Search Existing Motions

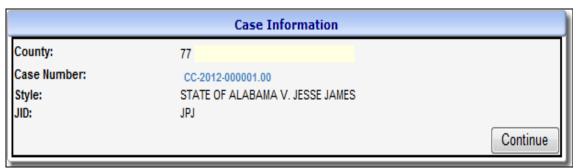
- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Search Existing Motions and single click.



- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year, and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.



5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue**.



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6. AlaFile will display all motions that have previously been e-filed in the case.



View Pending Motions

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over **View Pending Motions** and single click.



AlaFile displays all pending motions, awaiting a court ruling, that have been e-filed or e-docketed by the clerk in any case where the user is listed as an attorney of record in SJIS. By clicking on the blue linkable motion type, the user may view the motion or file a response, reply or supplement to the motion.

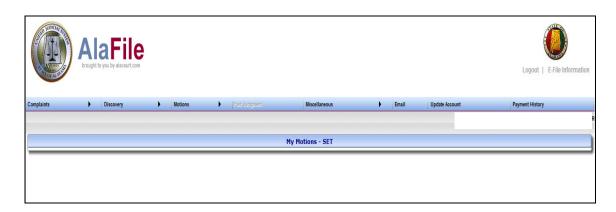


View Set Motions

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over View Set Motions and single click.

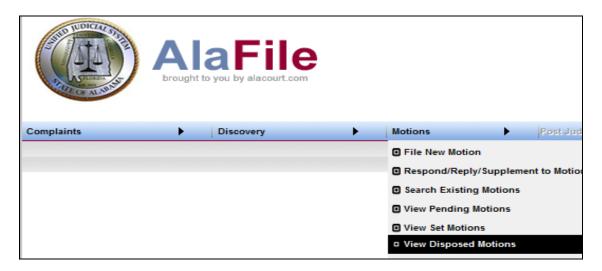


AlaFile will display all e-filed or e-docketed motions in any case where the user is listed in SJIS as the attorney of record and set for a court docket hearing date.



View Disposed Motions

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over View Disposed Motions and single click.



AlaFile will display all e-filed or e-docketed motions that have been disposed of in any case where the user is listed as the attorney of record in SJIS.



View All Motions

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Motions** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over View All Motions and single click.

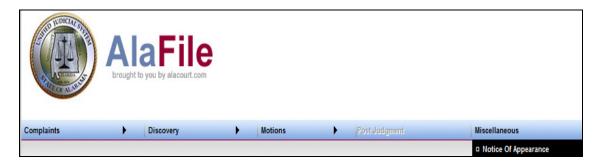


AlaFile will display all motions that have been e-filed or e-docketed in any case where the user is listed as an attorney of record in SJIS, regardless of case action status.

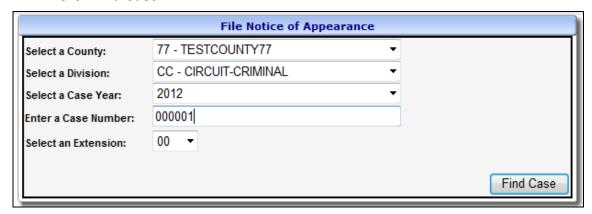


Notice of Appearance

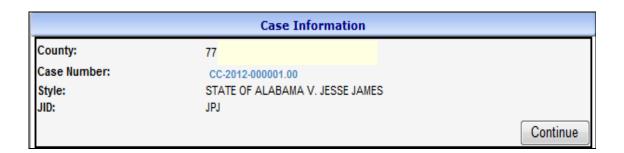
- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Miscellaneous** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over **Notice of Appearance** and single click.



- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.



5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue**.



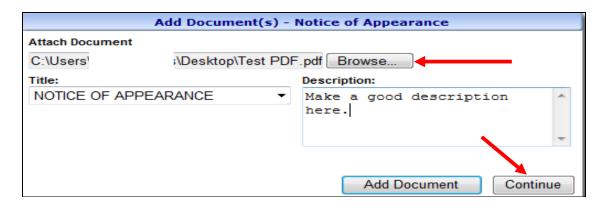
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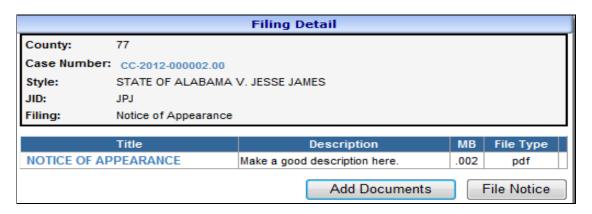
- 6. Select the **Party** or **Parties** you are filing for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control key while clicking on each party represented by the attorney.
- 7. For criminal cases check the appropriate radio button to determine if you are retained, appointed, public defender or contract counsel.
- 8. Click Continue.

	Choose party to file for	
County: Case Number: Style: JID:	77 CC201200000100 STATE OF ALABAMA V. JESSE JAMES JPJ	
Choose Party or Parties y	you are representing	
C001 - STATE OF ALA		
D001 - JESSE JAMES	S	
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9. To locate your notice of appearance, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue.**



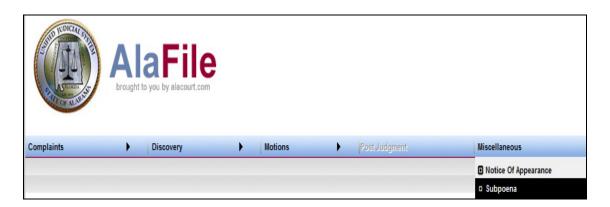
10. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking **Add Documents** or file the notice of appearance by clicking **File Notice.** Check and make sure everything is correct and that the correct document has been uploaded. If anything is incorrect, click the **red** x to the right of the document to delete the document before filing.



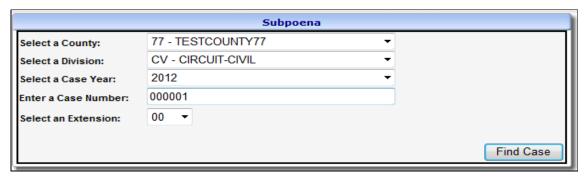
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Subpoena

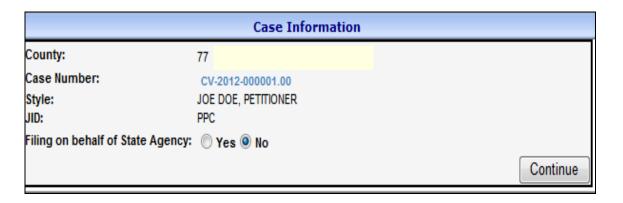
- 1. Hover your mouse over the Miscellaneous menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Subpoena and single click.



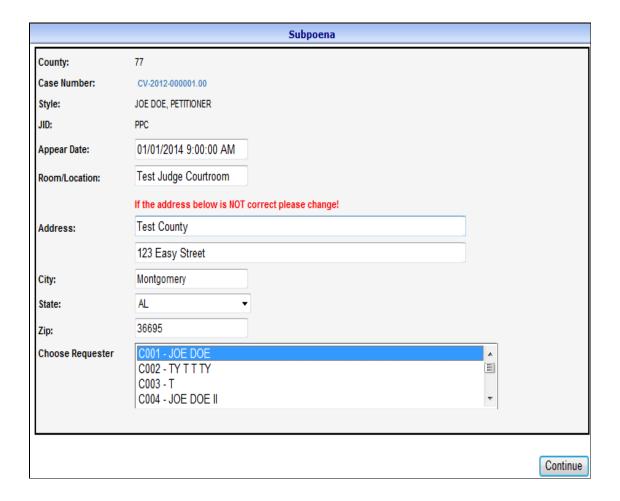
- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.



5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue.**



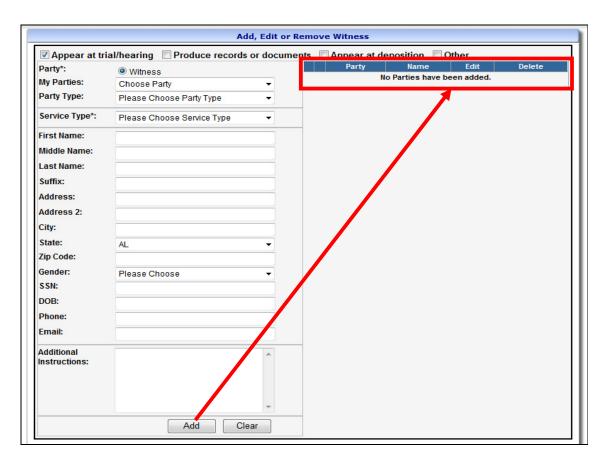
- 6. Enter the appearance date and time, courtroom location and address.
 - a. It is important to make sure the courthouse address suggested is correct. If the address suggested is NOT correct please change.
- 7. Highlight the party requesting the subpoena.
- 8. Double check before proceeding and edit as necessary.
- 9. Click Continue.



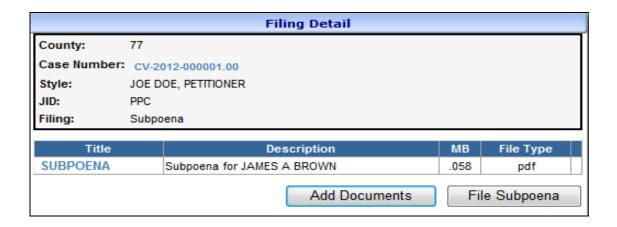
Adding Witnesses to the Subpoena

- 10. Select the **appropriate checkbox** for this subpoena. The current options listed within AlaFile are:
 - a. Appear at Trial/Hearing
 - b. Produce Records or Documents
 - c. Appear at Deposition
 - d. Other

- 11. Select the **Party Type** drop down (business or individual).
- 12. Select the **Service Type** requested for this subpoena (private processor or sheriff).
- 13. Type the **Party Information** in the boxes provided (all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields).
- 14. If needed, **type additional instructions** into the text box.
- 15. Click the **Add** button. This adds the party to the top.



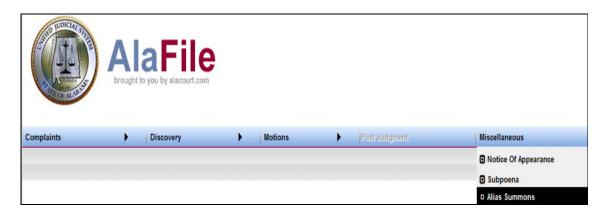
- 16. Additional witnesses may be added as needed by using the same logic as described above.
- 17. Verify all information is correct then click **Continue**.
- 18. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking **Add Documents** or file the subpoena by clicking **File Subpoena**.



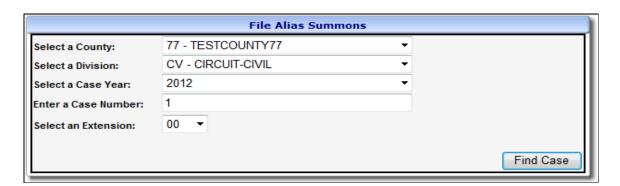


Alias Summons

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Miscellaneous** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Alias Summons and single click.



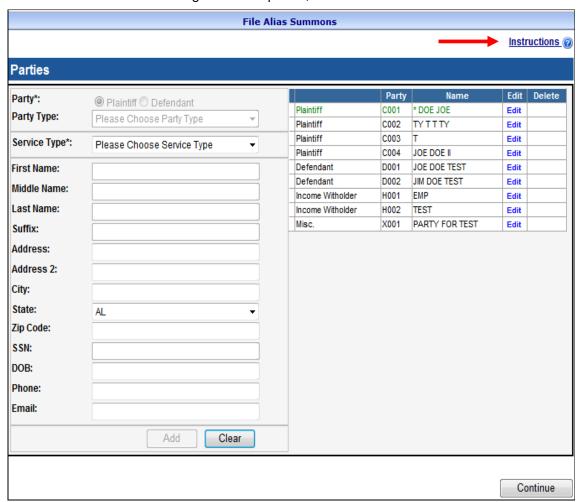
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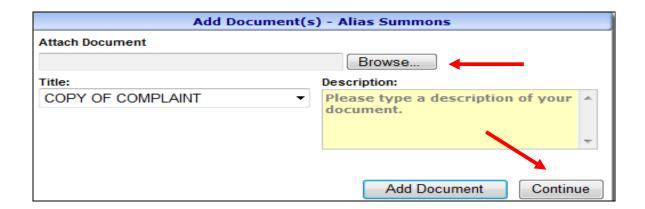
5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue.**

	Case Information	
County:	77	
Case Number:	CV-2012-000001.00	
Style:	JOE DOE, PETITIONER	
JID:	PPC	
Filing on behalf of State Agency:	O Yes O No	
		Continue

- 6. Please read the instructions hyperlinked before attempting to e-file an alias summons.
- 7. To change existing party information, click **Edit** by the corresponding case party name you wish to change. For this example, John Doe's information will be updated.
- 8. Once the name has been highlighted, the party's address can be changed. Once the address has been updated, click **Update Party**.
- 9. After the party's information has been updated, an **asterisk** will appear by the name as shown below.
- 10. The case party(ies) that have been updated will reflect green.
- 11. Once the desired changes are completed, click Continue.



12. To locate your alias summons, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue**.



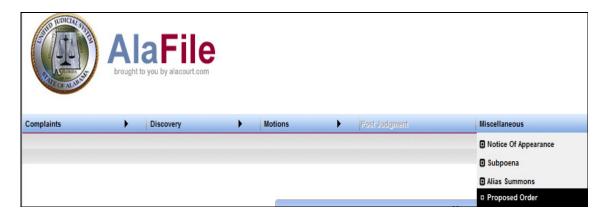
13. At the **Filing Detail** screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking **Add Documents** or file the alias summons by clicking **File Alias Summons**. Check and make sure everything is correct and that the correct document has been uploaded. If anything is incorrect, click the **red x** to the right of the document to delete the document before filing.





Proposed Order

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Miscellaneous** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over **Proposed Order** and single click.



- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.

	File Proposed Or	der	
Select a County:	77 - TESTCOUNTY77	-	
Select a Division:	CV - CIRCUIT-CIVIL	-	
Select a Case Year:	2012	-	
Enter a Case Number:	1		
Select an Extension:	00 ▼		
Associate Order with			
			Find Case

NOTE: The user has the option to file a proposed order that is associated with a **Case** or **Motion**. Depending on the case situation, the attorney can e-file a proposed order as a separate document **or** they can associate the proposed order with a specific motion. Use the **Motion** option when the proposed order relates to a specific motion. Otherwise, select **Case**. In this example, the process for submitting a proposed order as a **Case** separate document in a case will be demonstrated.

5. Verify the case details and click Create Proposed Order.

Case Information				
County:	77			
Case Number:	CV-2012-000001.00			
Style:	JOE DOE, PETITIONER			
JID:	PPC			
		Create Proposed Order		

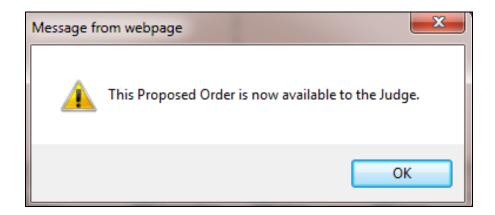
6. Type directly into the body of the order, or cut and paste the proposed order from your word processing program (i.e. Microsoft Word) into the body of the order below.

Case Number: 77-CV-2012-000001.00	Order Title:	Insert to Filing Details
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JOE DOE, TYTTTY, T, JOE DOE II, V. JOE DOE TEST, JIM DOE TEST,	Plaintiffs,) Plaintiffs,) Defendants.)	Case No.: CV-2012-000001.00
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7. Once the text has been properly entered into the body of the proposed order, make an order title and click **Insert to Filing Details** in the top right corner of the window.

Insert to Filing Details

8. A popup confirmation will appear when the proposed order has been successfully submitted.

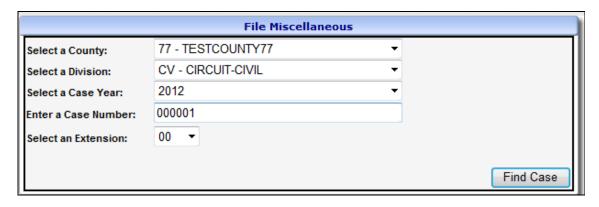


Miscellaneous Document

- 1. Hover your mouse over the **Miscellaneous** menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Miscellaneous Document and single click.



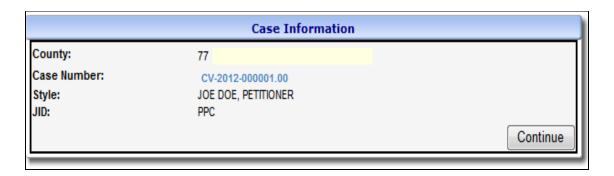
- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.



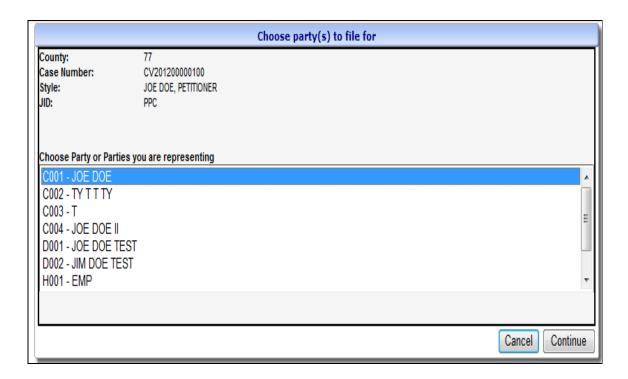
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5. Verify the case information then click Continue.

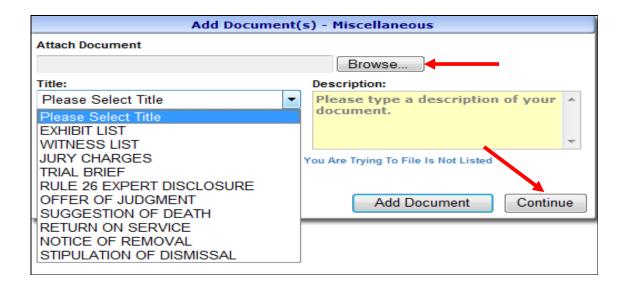


- 6. Select the **Party** or **Parties** you are filing for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control key while clicking on each party represented by the attorney.
- 7. Click Continue.



8. To locate your miscellaneous document, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue**.

NOTE: If the document type is not listed in the **Title Drop Down List**, please file the document traditionally. Mislabeling a document during the filing process can cause delays in processing the document.



9. At the Filing Detail screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking Add Documents or file the document by clicking File Miscellaneous. Check and make sure everything is correct and that the correct document has been uploaded. If anything is incorrect, click the red x to the right of the document to delete the document before filing.



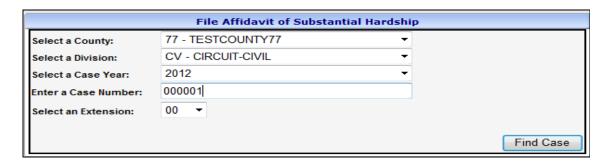
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AFFADAVIT OF SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP

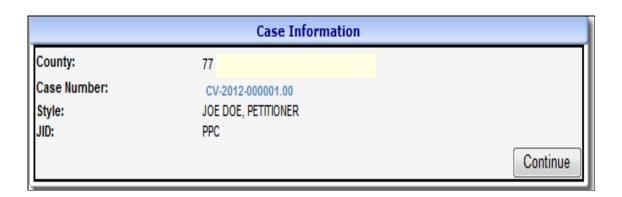
- 1. Hover your mouse over the Miscellaneous menu tab on the main navigation bar.
- 2. Hover your mouse over Affidavit of Substantial Hardship and single click.



- 3. Enter in the case details by selecting the county, division, year and case number.
- 4. Click Find Case.

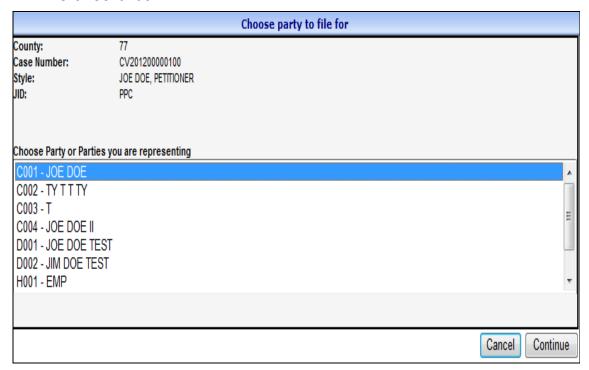


5. Review the case information screen. If the case data that appears on the screen is correct, click **Continue**.

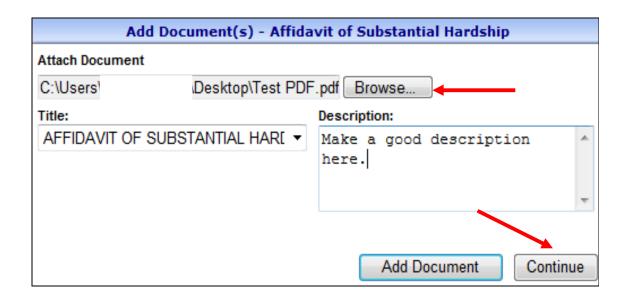


6. Select the **Party** or **Parties** you are filing for. To select multiple parties, hold down the Control key while clicking on each party represented by the attorney.

7. Click Continue.



8. To locate your affidavit of substantial hardship, click **Browse**. After locating the document on your computer, attach the PDF Document, make a concise description and click **Continue**.



9. At the Filing Detail screen, you may attach additional documents by clicking Add Documents or file the document by clicking File Affidavit. Check and make sure everything is correct and that the correct document has been uploaded. If anything is incorrect, click the red x to the right of the document to delete the document before filing.



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MISCELLANEOUS

To e-file an Attorney Fee Declaration please visit the Office of Indigent Defense Services Website (OIDS) at http://oids.alabama.gov

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